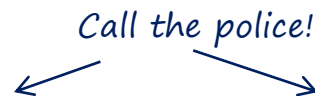




## Make the Call

One of the most important roles you have as a member of our community is to report suspicious activity. Citizens are needed to come forward and provide valuable information to improve safety, combat crime and terrorism and increase the quality of life in your neighborhood.



Suspicious activity is when a **person's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of the neighborhood**. This activity could also be an **occurrence that seems out of place** and should not be happening in the neighborhood, community or business.

Many activities can be considered suspicious and there could be reasonable explanations for some of these activities. By thinking things through, being observant and using commonsense, you will be able to make a good judgment about whether an activity is suspicious. Your role as a concerned citizen is to report whatever you think is wrong or suspicious.

**Follow your instinct!**

### Why report crime and suspicious activity?

- The police cannot solve crimes they do not know about.
- You may prevent your neighbor from experiencing the same incident.
- The police need to know there is a problem existing in your community.
- A quick and accurate description can make all the difference in apprehending a potential criminal.
- If crimes or suspicious activity are not reported the offenders will be rewarded by getting away with whatever they have done and will be encouraged to do it again.

### Provide Descriptions

#### PEOPLE:

- Provide as much detail as possible.
- Start with basics and get more specific.
- Begin at the head and work your way down.  
(sex, race age, hair color/style, eye color, height, weight, and clothing)

#### VEHICLES:

- Provide detailed information about the vehicle.
- Try to furnish the number of occupants, license plate, identifying marks and direction of travel.

#### LOCATION:

- Provide as much information as possible.
- An exact location and specific address, if known, is always best.

**REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE**

Emergency: 911 \* Non-Emergency: 703-792-6500